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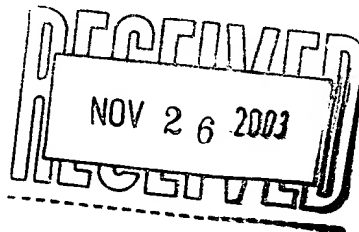
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Response to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated October 17, 2003, Counsel for Assignee elects the species related to Figure 5 which describes a flaw inspection method by liquid penetrant testing, and the claims relating to the flow chart shown in Figure 5, that is claims 5-29, without prejudice.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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